

# FOOTBALL

## DERBY CHOICES BADLY BEATEN

Both Rau's Horn and Trapper Went Down to Defeat Before Other Two-Year-Olds.

### KITTY PLATT A NICE FILLY.

Manner in Which She Took Measure of the Eastern Crack Sets Horsemen at New Orleans to Thinking.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 25.—The two most prominent Derby candidates so far shown, Rau's Horn and Trapper, were both beaten at the Fair Grounds to-day. Rau's Horn lost to Foxwood in the mile handicap, partly through an accident in the race and partly through a weak finish. He was an odds-on favorite at 9 to 5, while Foxwood was quoted at 15 to 5.

Kitty Platt, heavily played at 5 to 2, defeated Trapper, a 2-to-1 choice, in the seven-furlong condition race for 2-year-olds, so decisively as to set the horsemen thinking as to just how good they may be.

The mile handicap was the striping of a good card that drew out another big holiday attendance. Seven started. Albert Simons's Kickshaw, at 9 to 2, was the one to run, and to defeat Rau's Horn. As the horses went up the track, bunches gathered in the middle of the track. They were tangled up a good bit at the start, and Kickshaw, a very poor runner himself, got his horses and others fell in a heap. Steve, who rode Kickshaw, scrambled to his feet, but O'Gundi, who had the next Kickshaw, had to be carried off the track. For the moment, it looked as though he might be badly hurt. He was only stunned, however, and was soon among the paddock half an hour after.

**RATS HORN SETS THE PACES.**

After the accident, Noid, on Rau's Horn, found himself in front, and he proceeded to set the pace, making it fast one to the stretch bend. There Foxwood joined him and the pair fought it out all the way home. Foxwood winning by half a length in 1:41 flat. Reliance was a poor third.

Nic's weak point—his inability to put his heart into the race—was the secret of Rau's Horn, who is a long-striding colt. With a powerful ride at the end there is little doubt that he would have won.

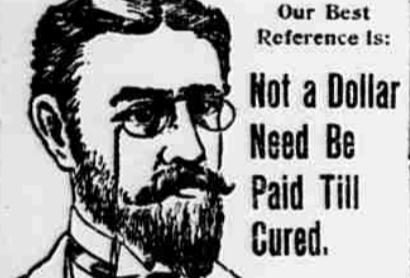
Pretty nearly everyone except Trainer Maxwell thought Trapper a good thing in the seven-furlong race.

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